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PASS AMBASSADOR HILL

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, AR  
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AMBASSADOR HILL'S FAREWELL CALLS

### 1. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

APRIL 19: FAREWELL CALL ON CHILEAN AMBASSADOR RENE ROJAS GALDEMES.  
LUNCH WITH FORMER ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR EDUARDO A. ROCA, WHO HAS WRITTEN SERIES OF ARTICLES ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.

APRIL 22: FAREWELL CALL ON COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF AIR FOCE AND JUNTA MEMBER BRIG. GEN. ORLANDO RAMON AGOSTI.

APRIL 25: FAREWELL CALL ON PAPAL NUNCIO MONSIGNOR PIO LAGHI.  
LUNCH WITH MAJOR GEN. URRICARIET, DIRGEN OF FABRICACIONES MILITARES.

APRIL 26: FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR BRIG. GEN. ALBANO HARGUINDEGUY.  
FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF DEFENSE BRIG. MAYOR JOSE MARIA KLIX.  
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LUNCH WITH DR. CARLOS HELBLING, PRESIDENT, BANCO NACIONAL DE DESARROLLO.  
FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY DR. JOSE ALFREDO MARTINEZ DE HOZ.  
FAREWELL CALL ON SECY. OF AGRICULTURE DR. MARIO CADENAS MADARIAGA.

APRIL 29: FAREWELL CALL ON COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF ARMY  
AND JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL EMILIO EDUARDO MASSERA.

MAY 2: FAREWELL CALL BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ALFRED P.  
BISSONNET.

FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA LT. GEN. JORGE  
RAFAEL VIDELA, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER-COUNSERLOR MAXWELL  
CHAPLIN AND DATT PAUL A. COUGHLIN. (DURING THE CONVERSATION,  
PRESIDENT VIDELA CONGRATULATED THE AMBASSADOR, NOT ONLY FOR  
HAVING BEEN AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S., BUT  
MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR HAVING BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE A DEEP AND  
ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY ARGENTINA  
IN RECENT YEARS AND FOR HAVING ACCURATELY AND FORCEFULLY  
CONVEYED THOSE CONCEPTS TO THE USG. SEE MEMCON DATED MAY 4  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS.)

CALL BY DR. FELIX UNO, PRESIDENT, ARGENTINA/AMERICAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NEW YORK CITY.

CALL BY DR. CARLOS N. CAGLIOTI, DIRECTOR OF CENARESO  
(A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER).

LUNCH WITH JOSE ESTENSSORO, PRESIDENT, HUGHES TOOL CO.  
AN BUSINESSMEN.

FAREWELL CALL ON FORMER ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AND FORMER  
FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. ALBERTO VIGNES.

FAREWELL CALL ON GREEK AMBASSADOR JUAN N. SOSSIDIS.

FAREWELL CALL ON FRENCH AMBASSADOR FRANCOIS DE LA GORCE.

MAY 3: VISIT LINCOLN SCHOOL TO BID FAREWELL.

FAREWELL CALL ON REGIMIENTO DE GRANADEROS.

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4. TRIP TO CORDOBA TO SAY FAREWELL.

MAY 6: FAREWELL CALL ON HONDURAN AMBASSADOR DANIEL BREVE  
MARTINEZ.

FAREWELL/GUEST SPEAKER AT PICKWICK CLUB LUNCHEON.

FAREWELL CALL ON DR. ALBERTO GAINZA PAZ, DIRECTOR OF  
"LA PRENSA".

MAY 7: FAREWELL LUNCHEON HONOR AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HILL  
HOSTED BY PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA AND MRS. JORGE RAFAEL  
VIDELA (SEE BUENOS AIRES 3426 FOR MEMCON).

MAY 9: PLANNED CALL ON ARCHBISHOP OF ARGENTINA, CARDINAL  
ARAMBURU, CANCELLED DUE TO CARDINAL'S ILLNESS.

PLANNED LUNCHEON TO BE HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER  
GUZZETTI IN AMBASSADOR'S HONOR CANCELLED DUE TO TERRORIST  
ATTACK ON FONMIN'S LIFE.

CALL ON AMBASSADOR ENRIQUE QUINTANA, NATIONAL DIREC-  
TOR OF PROTOCOL, TO EXPRESS REGRET OVER ATTACK ON

FOREIGN MINISTER.  
FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF PLANNING MAJOR GEN.  
RAMON G. DIAZ BESSONE.  
FAREWELL RECEPTION OFFERED BY AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
THE RIVER PLATE, BRITISH/AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY  
AND AMERICAN COMMUNITY.  
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2. PRESS COVERAGE: THE ARGENTINE PRESS COVERED AMBASSADOR HILL'S DEPARTURE CALLS WITH GREAT INTEREST. THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY "BUENOS AIRES HERALD" DEVOTED AN EDITORIAL TO AMBASSADOR HILL ENTITLED "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED". SAID EDITOR, ROBERT COX (A MAN WHO HAS GONE TO JAIL FOR DEFENDING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN ARGENTINA), "MR. HILL IS A TOUGH, GOOD MAN WHO HAS STOOD UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WITHOUT OFFENDING ARGENTINA. HE HAS RISKED THE CRITICISM AND THE SCORN OF JOURNALISTS TO SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF THIS COUNTRY. HE HAS RISKED HIS CAREER IN ORDER TO TRY TO GET OTHER AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN THROUGH AND TO SYMPATHIZE WITH AND RELATE TO THE EXPERIENCE OF LIVING UNDER SIEGE FROM RUTHLESS TERRORISM... NOW THE HILL FAMILY HAS PAID THIS COUNTRY THE GREATEST COMPLIMENT OF ALL, BY FALLING IN LOVE WITH ARGENTINA AND DEMONSTRATING THIS, IN THE CASE OF TWO OF ITS MEMBERS, BY SETTLING HERE."

3. LA PRENSA" RAN A SIMILAR EDITORIAL MAY 9, ALSO ENTITLED "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED". SAID LA PRENSA, "HIS TASK WAS NOT EASY, FOR HE HAD TO WORK DURING ONE OF THE MOST AGITATED PERIODS OF OUR POLITICAL EVOLUTION, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE GREAT DEMOCRACY OF THE NORTH SUFFERED THE CRISIS THAN CULMINATED WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION. IN THE COMPLEX CIRCUMSTANCES HE HAD TO FACE, HE DISPLAYED TACT AND PUDEENCE, DEMONSTRATING AN EXACT UNDERSTANDING OF

OUR DIFFICULTIES AND AN UNCHANGING RESPECT FOR OUR NATION.  
THIS SHOWS A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF AND A SINCERE AFFECTION  
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TOWARDS OUR COUNTRY, AFFECTION THAT HAS BEEN AMPLY  
RECIPROCATED."

4. FULL TEXT OF EDITORIALS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/ECA,  
WHICH MAY WISH TO FORWARD COPIES TO AMBASSADOR HILL FOR HIS  
OWN PERSONAL RECORDS.  
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